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In re application of:

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REQUEST FOR A ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action, mail dated August 20, 2003 (Paper No. 7), to extend the period for filing this Response up to and including December 22, 2003 (December 20 = Saturday). Please charge the requisite one-month extension fee of \$110 to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing Attorney Docket No. 350292001100.

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